



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of:  
Nicholas Gerard Byrne et al.  
Serial No.: 09/857,456  
Filed: September 24, 2001  
For: INTERFACE PATCH CLAMPING

Confirmation No.: 4931  
Group Art Unit: 1651  
Examiner: Lankford, Jr., Leon B.  
Attorney Docket No.: 061082-0005

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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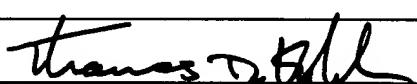
Sir:

Applicants submit the following remarks in response and three month extension of time in response to the detailed Office Action mailed October 17, 2006, in the above identified application. In the examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following remarks:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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